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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Serial No.: 10/734,133
For: CATADIOPTRIC REDUCTION PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND
EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME
Inventor: Tomowaki Takashi
Our Docket: 1539.1004REC

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COMMENTS:

1. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER
2. COPY OF DATE STAMPED POSTCARD
3. COPY OF SPECIFICATION AND DRAWINGS AS FILED ON DECEMBER 15, 2003
4. COPY OF REVISED SPECIFICATION AND DRAWINGS TO PREVENT CONFUSION

Docket No. 1539.1004rec

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomowaki Takahashi

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER

Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

On June 7, 2004, a Decision on Petition was mailed denying the applicant's Petition to the Commissioner filed on April 14, 2004. In the applicant's Petition, the applicant requested withdrawal of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on April 7, 2004 for the above-identified application.

On page 1 of the Decision, the Petitions Attorney acknowledges that a copy of a date stamped postcard indicates the filing of a 13 page Specification and drawings (FIGs. 1-15, 16A, 16B, 16C, and 17-28). However, on page 2 of the Decision, the Petitions Attorney notes that a copy of the Specification and drawings, as filed, was not included with the Petition, and therefore denied the Petition.

As evidenced by the enclosed date stamped postcard, it is respectfully submitted that a copy of the Specification and drawings as filed was enclosed with the Petition. A copy of the Specification and drawings are again enclosed for the convenience of the Petitions Attorney. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Decision be withdrawn and the Petition granted.

In addition and as discussed with the Petitions Attorney, it appears that the format and heading of the Specification and drawings has created confusion within the Office of Initial Patent Examination as to whether the Specification and drawings are a published United States Patent, which the United States Patent and Trademark Office no longer maintains in the file wrapper. For this reason, it appears that the Specification and drawings were, both at the time

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of filing and as filed with the Petition, improperly removed from the file. As such, in addition to a copy of the Specification and drawings, as filed, also enclosed is a copy of the Specification and drawings having an amended header to prevent this confusion.

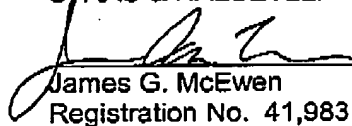
As such, it is respectfully submitted that the applicant has shown the specification and drawings compliant with 35 U.S.C. §112 was filed at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2003, and that the filing date of December 15, 2003 should be accorded the instant application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Request for Reconsideration of the Petition, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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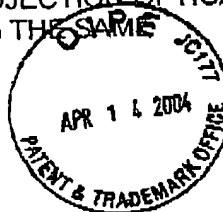
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